

Board of Madison County Health
April 24, 2007
MINUTES

On Wednesday, April 24, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Health came to order at 5:40 PM with board members Sarah Googe, Doug Young, Doug Walsh, Bill Doggett and Mary Beth Walsh in attendance. Jill Steeley and Molly Peterson were also in attendance.

Vice-Chairman Doggett called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Meeting Minute Approval:

Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Beth seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Nurse Update: Molly reported to the Board that she had attended several meetings and classes which included the FICMR Coordinator's meeting (she is the Frontier County representative), Regional Immunization Workshop, monthly Child Protective Services meetings, a tabletop drill in Whitehall, and the Spring Public Health Conference. She also reported that she had been regularly attending well child clinics (including the new Harrison Clinic), taught Sex Education at the Sheridan School, gave Hep B #2 shots at all schools, did dental screenings at the schools, gave a tobacco prevention presentation at the Ennis School and had a student nurse from Butte Tech follow her for the semester. Her future plans included finish reviewing records at daycares and preschools, finish the Hep B series at the schools, teach "Responsible Choices" at the Ennis School, teach puberty classes to the Ennis 6th & 7th graders and attend the Summer Public Health Institute in June.

Public Health Administrator Update: Jill reported to the Board that she had also attended several meetings and trainings which included Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Meetings, monthly LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meetings, monthly CCC (Citizens Corp Counsel) meetings, county commissioner meetings, AMPHO (Association of Montana Public Health Officials) meetings, and the Spring Public Health Conference. She also said she had completed the Qtr 2 deliverables for the Emergency Preparedness Grant. She has developed an Employee Wellness Program for Madison County, taken part in AMPHO Legislative meetings, attended a tabletop drill in Jefferson County, coordinated two Shingles Vaccine Clinics in Ennis, and worked on Pandemic Flu Deliverables. She is still trying to plan Meth Awareness presentations in the communities with Roger Thompson. She has created a HEAT (Health Emergency Advisory Team) with the two hospitals, and that group will write emergency and contingency plans together. She will also be attending the Public Health Summer Institute in June.

Active Surveillance Plans: Jill asked the Board to re-approve the Madison Active Surveillance Plan for this Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant cycle. After much discussion, Doug Walsh asked that schools be a part of the Active Surveillance within the county. Jill said she would write them into the plan as well as develop a sheet the schools can use to keep track of absences and illnesses. Doug Walsh moved to approve the Active Surveillance Plan as amended, Mary Beth seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business:

"Detoxifying Foot Baths": In Margaret's absence, Jill presented the Board with this issue. Margaret said there are people in Ennis giving these "detoxifying" foot baths, which they claim will detoxify your body. These can cost upwards of \$1,000, and they are a scam (Molly passed around information she had found on them from the internet). Jill said that although Margaret is concerned for the citizens that are getting these foot baths (and not realizing they are a scam), she is more

concerned about the foot baths getting inspected (as pedicure/manicure stations are). Jill had sent the Dept. of Labor and Industry an email inquiring about this and they said they probably should be inspected, but their Board does not do those inspections (see attached email). Doug Walsh stated he feels we should bring this scam to the attention of the media and let them do with it what they please, but the public should be notified somehow. Jill will write to her media sources to see if they are interested.

Public Health Budget:

The Board briefly discussed the budget. A special budget meeting will be scheduled approximately 1 week before Jill's budget meeting with the commissioners. Jill will get some of the Boards questions answered before that time.

Next Meeting: Jill will notify the Board when the next meeting will be.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.